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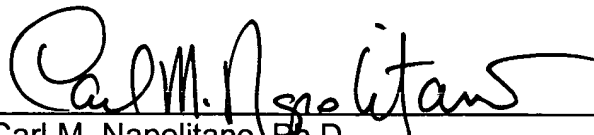
Remarks

Applicant and the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for his guidance and efforts provided in the examination of this application. Claims 62, 64-66, and 86-93 remain in the case, and were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nica '825 in view of Harrison '323. Applicant's arguments filed December 20, 2004 and received by the Office on December 23, 2004 were considered by the Examiner but were not persuasive. Further, the Applicant's evidence of success was not persuasive.

In the commercial interest of bringing this application to allowance and patent issue, and as guided by the Examiner's suggestion, independent claims 62 and 87 are herein amended to more clearly define the claims invention over the art of record. Dependent claim 64 is amended to more clearly describe an additional feature of the claimed invention. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments place this application in a condition for allowance, and passage to issue is respectfully solicited. The Applicant and the undersigned would like to again thank the Examiner for his efforts in the examination of this application. If the further prosecution of the application can be facilitated through telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience.

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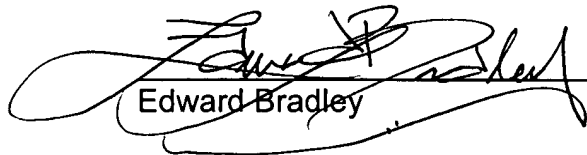
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